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Fall 2003

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**WHAT IS A "KT"?**

A KT Award ("Katie") is an award statue that should rank right up there with Oscars and Emmys, but KT's are going to be presented to honor the individuals and businesses that create the spirit of life unique to Squaw Valley!

Just as Squaw Valley's KT-22 symbolizes the pinnacle of skiing challenges, the KT Awards symbolize the pinnacle of achievement for those who have played a vital role in the development and life of our community.

All of this will come together on November 8, 2003 at 6:30 pm at the **FIRST ANNUAL KT AWARDS**, a dinner and awards ceremony to be held at Resort At Squaw Creek (rescheduled from Nov. 1). Squaw Valley Institute has conceived and organized this new event to be great fun and entertainment in addition to honoring the many award winners.

Lifetime Achievement Awards honoring Wayne & Sandy Poulsen and Alex Cushing will be presented this year as one of the many award categories. Awards will be given in categories including individual and business Community Service Awards, Culinary Arts, Fine Arts, Film, Photography, and Athletics including active, legendary, junior and Mighty Mite.

The Award Ceremony will be a major multi-media event with two jumbo screens showing photos and film clips of the nominees—similar to the Academy Awards, but much more fun! One-of-a-kind KT statues have been commissioned and are being hand-crafted for each award winner.

Deborah Von Zink, who was inspired by a photograph taken by Keoki Flagg, has painted an original oil painting of KT-22. The signed original and limited and numbered giclee prints including embellished



This is an image of the original oil painting done for Squaw Valley Institute by Deborah Von Zink

artist's proofs will be part of a silent auction. Also in the silent auction will be a variety of ski-oriented treasures including ski time with skiing legends.

Seating will be limited, so now is the time to reserve tickets by calling (530) 581-4138 or e-mailing to [info@squawvalleyinstitute.org](mailto:info@squawvalleyinstitute.org).

Tickets are \$70 per person or \$130 per couple and tables of eight may be reserved for \$520. Dress is "mountain elegant" (a notch below formal...)

This event is a fundraiser for Squaw Valley Institute and is being co-sponsored by the Resort at Squaw Creek. The Institute is a non-profit organization, operated entirely by dedicated volunteers. To sustain and grow our programs and operations, some financial support is necessary. If you appreciate what we are doing, please consider attending this outstanding and fun event.

## WHAT IS SQUAW VALLEY INSTITUTE? HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER!

Founded in 2002, Squaw Valley Institute is an organization of residents and businesses dedicated to presenting events having artistic, cultural and educational values. Through performances, lectures, classes, exhibitions and forums held in our extraordinary environment of Squaw Valley, we strive to serve residents of the surrounding region and visitors.

Becoming a member shows your support for the Institute, its goals and vision and your belief that Squaw Valley Institute is a worthy, needed addition to the quality of life in Squaw Valley.

Regular memberships are available for \$25 per person, \$40 per family, \$25 per non-profit organization and \$100 per business. Members receive our newsletter and discounts to some paid events.

Our monthly Board of Directors meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the last Tuesday of each month at the Fire Station Meeting Room from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We welcome volunteers to participate on various committees and events.

Call (530) 581-4138 or go to our website: [www.squawvalleyinstitute.org](http://www.squawvalleyinstitute.org) for more information. **Think about getting involved!**

## BEAR FAIR

A new event called the Bear Fair was inaugurated on August 16th in the Village at Squaw Valley. It was a benefit for the Bear League which was celebrating its fifth anniversary. By the end of the day over \$500 was raised for the League, which is dedicated to protecting native bears from injury or death caused by humans.

Festivities started with a five mile Bear Run. About 30 entrants of all ages and speeds successfully completed the run that started in the Village, went to the west end of the valley, and then went far to the east and looped through residential streets before returning to the Village. Prizes were awarded and commemorative bear mugs were presented to all entrants.

The afternoon activities included live music, a kid's bear painting contest, guest appearances by Smokey the Bear and Tahoe Teddy and displays by co-sponsors, the Squaw Valley Times, Squaw Valley Ski Corp., Clif Bar, Acai Juices, Liquid Salvation Water and Squaw Valley Institute.

## MORE OLDE-TIME MOVIES

Once again, let's kick off the new ski season by watching old Squaw Valley movies. Films from the 50's, 60's and 70's have been found that show the people, clothing, equipment and ambiance of the good old days. The event is free and there is free popcorn to boot! No-host bar.

Come on over to Bar One in Olympic House Lodge on Sunday, December 7th at 7:00 pm and join the fun. This event is already becoming a new annual tradition and is co-sponsored by Olympic Plaza Food & Beverage Company.

## TREASURE HUNT REVIVED!

A forty-year old tradition that briefly lapsed is being revived and reinvigorated. The Squaw Valley Treasure Hunt was originally organized as a benefit for the local ski team, and Squaw Valley Institute has taken on the task of reviving this event for the purpose of providing a fun evening for both locals and visitors. The 2003 Treasure Hunt will be the 39<sup>th</sup> Hunt, continuing a grand tradition. It starts at 6:00 pm on Saturday, November 1st at the Plaza Bar in Olympic House Lodge, Squaw Valley.

A potluck appetizer party with no-host bar and free soft drinks will be followed by teams of participants scouring the valley using clever clues to find hidden treasures. Each couple brings a hearty appetizer (finger food) for 20 people. The winning team receives valuable prizes!

Dress in warm clothes and warm shoes, and bring a flashlight, pencil and notebook. Cost is \$10 per person at the door. Please RSVP to Stephanie Pierucci at (530) 583-4818 or Larry Kyler at (530) 546-4587. *Adults only please.* Note: This event was originally scheduled for October 25th and has been re-scheduled to November 1st.

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### MEMBERSHIP ORDER FORM

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Individual \$25

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$40

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Non-profit \$25

Visa  Mastercard  Amex  Check Total Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Business \$100

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form with your check or credit card info for the appropriate amount to:

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## PARADISE & HELLHOLES - A RETIRED DIPLOMAT TELLS IT LIKE IT IS!

Ambassador Genta Hawkins Holmes, a career diplomat through four decades and seven presidents, presented a fascinating history of her career to a rapt audience on August 20 at PlumpJack Conference Center in Squaw Valley. Holmes joined the Foreign Service in 1964 and retired in 2001.

In her talk titled "Paradise and Hellholes, Places I Have Served As An American Diplomat", Holmes stated she had never served in a hellhole she didn't love. She also noted that diplomatic service is "the world's second oldest profession"!

Her first assignment overseas was the embassy in Ivory Coast in Africa in 1964, one year after President Kennedy's assassination. To the people of Ivory Coast (who had gained their independence from France four years earlier), Kennedy was a hero due to his support of emerging independence.

A few days after Martin Luther King was assassinated, Holmes became assistant to the new U.S. ambassador to France, Sargent Shriver and his wife Eunice Kennedy Shriver - founder of the Special Olympics. Due to the Vietnam War and



Ambassador Genta Hawkins Holmes

racial tensions in the U.S., considerable anti-American feeling existed in France at the time, but being related to the Kennedys, the Shriviers were well regarded in France. She later worked with the Shriviers in New York on the War On Poverty.

Holmes seemed to land in places during exciting times of transition. She was in Haiti as Deputy Chief of Mission when the country made the change from dictatorship to democracy. She observed that because of U.S. political pressures, Haiti held early democratic elections before there was sufficient stability and soon became so chaotic that U.N. intervention was required.

Ms. Holmes served in the Bahamas shortly

after it became a new country. While she was there, vacationing Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas had a stroke and was receiving questionable medical care from a young local doctor. Mrs. Holmes may have saved his life by chartering a plane and flying him back to the U.S.

She was the number two person in the U.S. Embassy in South Africa during the transition from apartheid to majority rule and became the first U.S. Ambassador to Namibia in 1990. Her final post before retirement was U.S. Ambassador to Australia.

Holmes did not hesitate to air her strong opinions on the terrorism situation and the war in Iraq. She observed that after the 9/11 attacks there was great sympathy for America throughout the world. However, she was critical of the U.S. decision to attack Iraq without more international support and this caused the most rapid loss of goodwill toward the U.S. she has ever seen. She also felt our leaders were remiss in not doing better planning for the aftermath of the war. She believes that our actions in Iraq have increased terrorism in the short term.

In her closing remarks, Ambassador Holmes suggested we should not be afraid to voice our opinions even if they disagree with our government's policies.

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## SURF OUR SITE!

To get the latest information on events and schedules, to send us a message or ask a question, check out our web site at: [www.squawvalleyinstitute.org](http://www.squawvalleyinstitute.org). As new information and events become available, the site is constantly updated with the latest information.

At press time for this issue, no events for 2004 have been firmly scheduled, but several are being developed and some will be posted on the site soon.

Dr. Charles Goldman of UC Davis is going to return to Squaw Valley to present his unique "Unidentified Submerged Objects" talk, (also called "USO's"). Dr. Goldman, recently

returned from a visit to Loch Ness, has illustrations and perhaps eye witnesses to possible monsters in lakes. Many of you may know that other lakes besides Loch Ness have had monster sightings including Lake Tahoe.

Dr. Goldman made an fascinating and well attended presentation on Lake Tahoe's Clarity and Future at an Institute event in 2002 and will be making a return visit by popular demand. Watch for the date!

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## OUR VISION AND MISSION

### Vision Statement

Squaw Valley Institute enhances the quality of life within the unique environment of the Sierra Nevada for present and future generations.

### Mission Statement

Squaw Valley Institute offers programs and activities:

- Having artistic, cultural, educational and entertainment value
- Bringing together visitors, residents and friends
- Fostering a sense of community



## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Two new Institute committees have been formed and are in active operation. One is in charge of the new fundraising event, the Katie Award Ceremony and Dinner. Deb Darby is the chairperson and committee members are Robert Frolich, Bill Jensen, Valerie Forte, Robb Gaffney and Chiara Gajar. This group has already invested an enormous amount of time, energy and creativity in developing and organizing a very ambitious new program. In addition to being a fun and entertaining event, it will honor some very deserving individuals and businesses and hopefully become an annual tradition helping to build a stronger sense of community.

Another new committee has just been formed and is called the Program Committee. Its function will be to conceive program ideas, evaluate different potential programs and help make new and worthwhile programs happen. Its Chairperson is Kelly Brandl-Sparks and members are Frank

DeCourten, Andy Klein, Patricia Poulsen, Jess Greene, Valerie Forte and John Moberly. While the Institute's Board of Directors will continue to participate with great interest in the various programs, they can't do it all and are counting on the new Program Committee to provide leadership and new energy.

Other hard-working volunteers include Dan Dolan who prints our posters, flyers and other mailing materials, Donna Brenner who folds, stuffs, addresses, stamps and seals our mailings, Pete Bansen who lays out and designs our newsletters, takes photos and makes sound recordings of speakers, and Barbara Wilcox who contributes hours of graphic design and art direction. At our paid events, our ticket and door management volunteers include Patty Heck, Barbara Kudrna, Mort Marley and Barbara Futran.

More volunteer opportunities will be available. Is there someone out there with strong marketing, graphic design and writing skills that would like to help (or take over) doing press releases,

designing rack flyers and posters and writing newsletter articles? Is there anybody else around who would like to provide leadership in writing a business plan for the Institute? These and more opportunities for volunteers are opening up. It is a great way to become involved in the community and make new friends. Call (530) 581-4138 or e-mail [info@squawvalleyinstitute.org](mailto:info@squawvalleyinstitute.org).

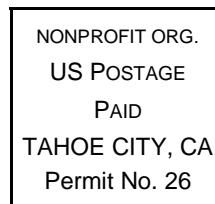
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## OTHER EVENTS IN SQUAW VALLEY...

- Oct. 18 - Halloween Dog Costume Contest in Village 530/584-6267
- Oct. 25-31 - Week Long Halloween Fun in Village & Base Area 530/583-4505
- Nov. 8 - Cable Car & High Camp Open For Winter 530/583-6985
- Nov. 28 - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Squaw Valley Film Festival 530/583-6985
- Dec. 12 In The Mood Benefit: Ski and boarding videos and photos at RSC 530/583-6985
- Dec. 13 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow God's Ball 530/581-7260
- Dec. 21 Celebration of Giving Benefit Party (benefits Tahoe Forest Hospital Foundation) 530/583-6985
- Dec. 24 Torchlight Parade 530/583-6985



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